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SUBJECT:CUBAN AIRLIFT TO ANGOLA

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT TOOK PLACE AT THE
DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING DECEMBER 24:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY LATE INFORMATION ON HOW THE CUBANS ARE
COMMUTING TO ANGOLA THESE DAYS?

A: WELL, I HAVE SEEN SOME PRESS REPORTS BUT HAVE NO CONFIRMATION. (THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP TO THIS EXCHANGE.)

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR THE NOON
BRIEFING, BUT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT USED:

Q: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE CUBAN MILITARY AIRLIFT TO
ANGOLA, HAVING BEEN DENIED THE USE OF FACILITIES IN
BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD, IS NOW REFUELING ITS PLANES IN
GUYANA. CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS--AND WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE
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TOWARD THIS DEVELOPMENT?

A: WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT, BUT CANNOT
CONFIRM THEM. IN ANY EVENT, WE OBJECT TO CUBA SENDING

EXPEDITIONARY FORCES TO ANGOLA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHERE
THEY WOULD BE INTERFERING IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT
FOLLOWS, THEREFORE, THAT WE OBJECT TO ACTIVITIES BY ANY
COUNTRY WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AIDS THIS EFFORT. KISSINGER

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